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THE FOLLOWING TEL FROM SURABAYA SENT ACTION JAKARTA DTD
FEB 11 IS RPTD:

QUOTE

SURABAYA 0105

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY GOVERNOR FOR EAST JAVA

REF: SURABAYA 602, DECEMBER 12, 1974

1. LOCAL NEWSPAPER, DJAWA POS, IN ITS FEB. 11 EDITION, REPORTED THAT POLICE COLONEL SOEDARSONO, CURRENTLY THE BUATI OF SIDOARJO (NEAR SURABAYA), WILL SOON BE NAMED AS DEPUTY GOVERNOR OF EAST JAVA. QUOTING A RELIABLE SOURCE, THE REPORT NOTED THAT AMONG ALL THE BUPATIS OF EAST JAVA, SOEDARSONO IS REGARDED AS ONE OF THE BEST AND MOST POPULAR. THE PAPER QUOTED THE HEAD OF THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY, INFANTRY COLONEL BLEGOH SOEMARTO, AS SAYING THAT THE SIZE OF EAST JAVA AND THE MANY DEMANDS ON THE GOVERNOR'S TIME CERTAINLY JUSTIFY THE APPOINTMENT OF A DEPUTY TO THE POPULAR GOVERNOR NOER. ALTHOUGH COLONEL BLEGOH WOULD NOT SPECULATE ON POTENTIAL CANDIDATES, THE QUALIFICATIONS HE OUTLINED FOR THE POSITION (A SUITABLE POLITICAL ORIENTATION, EXPERIENCE IN GOVERNMENT, AND ACCEPTABILITY TO ALL POLITICAL GROUPS AND THE GOVERNOR) ARE MET BY SOEDARSONO. THE ARTICLE STATES THAT GOVERNOR NOER SUPPORTS THE APPOINTMENT OF A DEPUTY
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GOVERNOR. END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. WE HAVE LEARNED FROM A RELIABLE SOURCE
IN THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE THAT SOEDARSONO HAS ALREADY RECEIVED
A LETTER FROM THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR INDICATING THAT HE WILL
BE APPOINTED DEPUTY GOVERNOR. THE SAME SOURCE ALSO SAID THAT
TWO LEADING CANDIDATES TO REPLACE GOVERNOR NOER WHEN HIS TERM
EXPIRES IN JANUARY 1976 ARE RETIRED ARMY MAJOR GENERAL
SURACHMAN (FORMER COMMANDER OF THE EAST JAVA BRAWIDJAJA DIVISION)
AND MAJOR GENERAL RUKMITO (FORMER AMBASSADOR TO PAKISTAN AND
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